



MEMORANDUM

September 13, 2002

SEPA File No. 01-051401

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Jenifer Gitchell, SEPA Center Manager

SUBJECT: **NON-PROJECT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
RESIDENTIAL USES ON STATE-OWNED AQUATIC LANDS**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-360 and WAC 197-11-455, the Department of Natural Resources has issued a Final Non-Project Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the following:

The purpose of this action is for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promulgate a new rule under the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) to address residential uses on state-owned aquatic lands. More specifically, a new section entitled "Residential uses on state-owned aquatic lands" will be added to WAC Chapter 332-30 and six existing WAC sections will be amended with regard to residential uses.

The alternatives presented and evaluated in this FEIS include:

Alternative 1 – Promulgate a new set of rules under Chapter 332-30 WAC to address residential uses on state-owned aquatic lands (the Preferred Alternative).

Alternative 2 – Promulgate a new set of rules under Chapter 332-30 WAC to address residential uses on state-owned aquatic lands (with components that differ from the Preferred Alternative).

Alternative 3 – Establish a new statute within the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.90 through 96 to address residential uses on state-owned aquatic lands.

Alternative 4 – No Action (maintain the status quo): Continue applying the authority of the Aquatic Lands Statute (RCW 79.90) on a lease-by-lease basis.

A copy of the FEIS has been posted to our agency website. You may download or review this and other SEPA documents related to this file at our web address: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov>

The lead agency will take final action on the proposed FEIS on **October 1, 2002**.

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